

How to Do Lots for Jesus and Go to Hell

Matthew 7:21-23
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF JUNE 7-13, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 7:13-23.
 - (a) How do the three smaller sections in this passage fit together? What is the flow of thought?
 - (b) How do you see Jesus moving from false prophets to false professors of faith?
 - (c) Remember back to last week... what are some marks of false prophets?
- (2) In this week's passage (vv 21-23), what are marks of false professors of faith?
- (3) What clues do you see in these verses that point to these people being more than nominal Christians?
 - (a) Why is that unnerving?
 - (b) How are these people able to speak biblical messages, cast out demons, and do miracles if they're not true believers? (Exodus 7:20-22; Numbers 24:1-3; 1 Samuel 19:18-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)
- (4) Discuss the importance of each of the three aspects of who Jesus is that we see in this passage (and explored in the sermon). Why is each important for us as approach Judgment Day? (On Judgment Day: 2 Corinthians 5:10)
- (5) How might it be easy to (wrongly) walk away from this passage thinking that Jesus was teaching some kind of works-salvation? Staying in the Sermon on the Mount alone, how do we know that's not the case?
- (6) This passage is part of the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount. How does the Sermon teach us the difference between a false professor of faith and a genuine disciple who will be with Christ forever?
- (7) How can we walk the biblical line between constant fear-based self-examination/doubt on the one hand, and negligent apathy in our spiritual lives on the other?
- (8) Spend time praying together for more grace to love and obey and delight in God through Christ.